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SUBJECT: EC INSTITUTE OPENED IN BERLIN

1. AFTER TWO YEARS OF PREPARATION, EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CENTER FOR VOCATIONAL TRAINING WAS OPENED OFFICIALLY IN BERLIN ON MARCH 9. CENTER, WHICH IS LOCATED IN SENAT-OWNED BUILDING MADE AVAILABLE TO EC FOR THIS PURPOSE, WILL UNDERTAKE RESEARCH AND PROVIDE INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE ON VOCATIONAL TRAINING. VICEPRES OF EC COMMISSION, CREDELING, SPOKE AT OPENING CEREMONY AND CALLED EXISTENCE OF NEW CENTER EVIDENCE THAT BERLIN WAS PART OF EUROPEAN COMMUNITY.

2. GOVMAYOR SCHUETZ ALSO SPOKE AT CEREMONY AND, INTER ALIA , REJECTED PREVIOUS GDR CRITICISM OF LOCATION OF EC CENTER IN BERLIN AS " INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF BERLIN." HE PRAISED EC DECISION  
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TO ESTABLISH VOCATIONAL CENTER IN BERLIN, NOTED THAT QA PROVIDED FOR PRESERVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF BERLIN-FRG TIES, AND CONCLUDED " MEMBERSHIP IN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY IS A SUBSTANTIAL PART OF THOSE TIES."

3. ON MARCH 2, ONE WEEK PRIOR TO OPENING CEREMONY, NEW CENTER'S DIRECTOR, CARL JORGENSEN ( DENMARK) AC-

COMPANIED BY DEPUTY DIRECTORS DR. MARIO ALBERIGO (ITALY) AND ROBERT CLEMMETT (UK), PAID COURTESY CALL ON MINISTER. THEY INFORMED MINISTER THAT NEW CENTER HAD BEGUN OPERATIONS FEW MONTHS AGO, BUT THAT OFFICIAL OPENING HAD BEEN DELAYED UNTIL NOW TO ENABLE THEM TO GET CENTER COMPLETELY ORGANIZED. FIRST MAJOR PROJECT IS COMPILATION AND COLLATION OF DATA ON PROBLEMS OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS IN EC COUNTRIES. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE DISSEMINATED TO EC MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. JORGENSEN ADDED THAT CENTER WANTED TO BE ABLE TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO EC GOVERNMENTS ON WAYS OF EMPLOYING YOUTH. AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE, CENTER MIGHT WISH TO SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM US AND OTHER NON-EC MEMBERS ON TOPICS SUCH AS YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT, OFFICIAL INDICATED.

4. EC VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER IN BERLIN IS ORGANIZED ON A TRIPARTITE (LABOR/MANAGEMENT/GOVERNMENT) BASIS, WITH EACH MEMBER COUNTRY CONTRIBUTING ONE STAFF MEMBER FROM EACH OF THESE SECTORS FOR CENTER.

5. COMMENT: WITH PUBLICITY ABOUT FORMAL OPENING OF EC CENTER WE MAY RECEIVE IN NEAR FUTURE ANOTHER SOVIET PROTEST OVER LOCATION OF CENTER IN BERLIN. END COMMENT.  
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